

SIXTY-SIXTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Convention met at 8 o'clock, 94 members being present.

The report of the committee on the judiciary was taken up, the question being on the substitute of Mr. Carter for the 27th section.

Mr. McKaig said as the city delegation seemed unable to agree, this matter would have to be decided by the county members. He should vote for the substitute, as he thought a court of five judges would give greater dignity to the bench.

Mr. Peters said it was a violation of the representative feature of our government.

Mr. Merrick argued ably and at length in favor of the substitute.

Mr. Maulsby had been in favor of the rotatory feature of the majority report, but thought the substitute would utterly fail to accomplish what it proposed.

Mr. Kennedy had been much perplexed in regard to the vote which he should cast. The features of both plans had been so ably discussed that he found his mind fluctuating first in favor of the one and then of the other, but understanding that the substitute contained the substantial features of both plans, he should vote for it.

Mr. Barry argued in favor of the minority report and against the substitute.

The substitute was then adopted by a vote of 58 to 30.

Sec. 27. There shall be in the eighth judicial circuit six courts, to be styled the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the Superior Court of Baltimore City, the Court of Common Pleas, the Baltimore City Court, the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, and the Criminal Court of Baltimore.

The Convention, without further action, at 10.25 P. M., adjourned.

SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 8.

Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hammond.